

## V. THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

When the section 508 amendments were enacted as part of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, much if not most of the technology necessary to carry out its substantive mandates did not exist. Indeed, even at this stage, some in the electronic information community consider fully compliant technology to be non-existent. In any event, the Executive Branch is fully engaged in reaching Section 508 compliance. Furthermore, both the Library of Congress and the Government Printing Office, each of which maintains extensive and heavily visited web sites (GPO operates approximately 30 web sites for other executive and legislative branch agencies), have announced that they are proceeding voluntarily to achieve section 508 compliance. However, absent Congressional action, universal legislative branch electronic information accessibility will remain optional, and not a legal requirement.

The Congress commissioned this Board to monitor and comment on all laws which concern "access to public services and accommodations." This responsibility of the Board helps ensure that the Legislative Branch is kept apprised regarding advances in access to electronic information technology, and is advised "whether such provisions should be made applicable to the legislative branch."

Pursuant to that mandate, the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance recommends that the Congress enact amendments to sections 201 and 210 of the CAA to incorporate the substantive employee access and public access requirements of section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 for all CAA-covered employing offices. We further suggest that the Office's existing section 401 and section 210 regulatory and enforcement authorities covering both employee and public access to electronic information systems be extended to include section 508 substantive requirements. Finally, we suggest that section 508 requirements regarding employee and public access also be applied to the Government Printing Office, Government Accounting Office, and Library of Congress.

The Office of Compliance stands ready to participate in the coordination of section 508 training and education for those in Congress and in the instrumentalities who are responsible for the maintenance and development of electronic information systems.

This Supplemental Section 102(b) Report is also available on the web site of the Office of Compliance, at [www.compliance.gov](http://www.compliance.gov).

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BYRD, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2002" (Rept. No. 107-110).

By Mr. HARKIN, from the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, without amendment:

S. 1519: A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide farm credit assistance for activated reservists.

By Mr. CLELAND, from the Committee on Armed Services, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Con. Res. 55: A concurrent resolution honoring the 19 United States servicemen who died in the terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia on June 25, 1996.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Peter B. Teets, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

By Mr. NELSON for the Committee on Armed Services.

\*Claude M. Bolton, Jr., of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army.

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Anthony W. Lengerich.

Army nomination of Col. Bruce H. Barlow.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) Richard B. Porterfield.

Navy nomination of Capt. Stephen A. Turcotte.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. (lh) David Architzel.

Army nominations beginning Brigadier General Keith B. Alexander and ending Brigadier General William G. Webster Jr., which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on September 21, 2001.

Navy nomination of Vice Adm. Charles W. Moore Jr.

Air Force nominations beginning Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Fiscus and ending Brig. Gen. Jack L. Rives, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 8, 2001.

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Army nominations beginning Vern J. Abdoo and ending Douglas K. Zimmerman II, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on November 27, 2001.

Navy nomination of John B. Stockel.

Navy nomination of Philip F. Stanley.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HAGEL, and Mr. DOMENICI):

S. 1778. A bill to designate the National Foreign Affairs Training Center as the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BIDEN (for himself and Mr. HELMS):

S. 1779. A bill to authorize the establishment of "Radio Free Afghanistan", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. THOMPSON (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 1780. A bill to provide increased flexibility Governmentwide for the procurement of property and services to facilitate the defense against terrorism, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MCCAIN (for himself and Mr. BROWNBACK):

S. 1781. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a voluntary national registry system for greenhouse gases trading among industry, to make changes to United States Global Change Research Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. CLELAND, and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1782. A bill to authorize the burial in Arlington National Cemetery of any former Reservist who died in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and would have been eligible for burial in Arlington National Cemetery but for age at time of death; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 278

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 278, a bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services.

S. 605

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 605, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage a strong community-based banking system.

S. 826

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 826, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate cost-sharing under the medicare program for bone mass measurements.

S. 839

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mrs. CARNAHAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 839, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment for inpatient hospital services under the medicare program and to freeze the reduction in payments to hospitals for indirect costs of medical education.

S. 905

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 905, a bill to provide incentives for school construction, and for other purposes.

S. 990

At the request of Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 990, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife